



August 24, 2011

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Grenada Railway LLC – Abandonment of railroad line between Milepost 622.5 and Milepost 703.8 – In Mississippi – STB Docket AB-1087AX

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am writing in-opposition to the application filed by Grenada Railway LLC ("GRYR") for abandonment of the railroad line between Milepost 622.5 near Grenada, Mississippi and Milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi, a distance of 81.3 miles in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison Counties, MS.

I believe the Surface Transportation Board would be doing a great disservice to the regional economy should it allow the abandonment of the line to be consummated. Newly Weds Foods employing 282 people are constructing a new rail spur to accommodate a major future expansion. The impact in our local and regional economies will be severe and long lasting.

In addition to the immediate effect on existing industries, the abandonment of the line will put this economic region at a huge disadvantage when competing for recruitment projects and overall job creation.

Over the past year and a half, GRYR exponentially increased the rates on the southern part of their line to force customers to find other routes for product distribution. Certain existing customers sending products south actually found it more economically feasible to use the northern part of the line (from Grenada, MS to Memphis, TN) to send their products to markets south of Mississippi, Mexico and Latin America.

It is my believe that GRYR intentionally drove customers away from the line in order to make a credible case for abandonment, without taking into consideration the devastating effect such actions would have on the regional economy.

I urge you to consider the economic health of our communities as you analyze Grenada Railway's abandonment application.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Flanagan', written over a horizontal line.

Jim Flanagan, Pres/CEO

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September 28, 2011

Grenada Railway, LLC
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Re: STB Docket AB-1087/AX

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Jim Flanagan, serve a copy of a letter of opposition to Grenada
Railway's abandonment of the rail line between Grenada and
Canton, MS

Respectfully submitted,


Jim Flanagan